

## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1 (currently amended) A bandage comprising:

a strip having a facing surface and a back surface and defined by a pair of end portions and a central portion with the central portion sized to overly a wound;

an adhesive substantially covering only said facing surfaces of said end portions;

wherein at least said central portion of said strip is made of a material having an air porosity of at least 50 cubic ft./min./sq. ft. and is selected from the group consisting of a mesh and a gauze, said material including at least one of a plurality of longitudinally extending yarns, a plurality of transversely extending yarns, and a plurality of diagonally extending yarns.

2 (original) The bandage of claim 1, wherein said end portions and said central portion are integrally formed of said material.

3 (original) The bandage of claim 2, wherein said material comprises a fabric material.

4 (cancelled)

5 (original) The bandage of claim 3, wherein the fabric is one of knitted, woven, or molded.

6 (currently amended) The bandage of claim 1, further including release paper elements overlyingly adhered to said end portions of said strip along said facing surface thereof and selectively peelable therefrom.

7 (currently amended) ~~The bandage of claim 3, wherein said fabric comprises~~

A bandage comprising:

a strip having a facing surface and a back surface and defined by a pair of end portions and a central portion with the central portion sized to overly a wound;

an adhesive substantially covering only said facing surfaces of said end portions;

wherein at least said central portion of said strip is made of a material having an air porosity of between 50 and 500 cubic ft./min./sq. ft. and is a spacer fabric material comprising a first yarn layer, a second yarn layer, and a plurality of yarns running therebetween.

8 (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The bandage of claim 3, wherein said fabric material comprises a mesh material.

10 (previously presented) The bandage of claim 9, wherein said mesh material has an air porosity of at least 250 cubic ft./min./sq. ft.

11 (original) The bandage of claim 3, wherein said fabric comprises a gauze material.

12 (previously presented) The bandage of claim 11, wherein said gauze material has an air porosity of at least 250 cubic ft./min./sq. ft.

13 (original) The bandage of claim 12, wherein said gauze material includes at least two layers of a plurality of transversely extending yarns.

14 (cancelled)

15 (cancelled)

16 (cancelled)

17 (cancelled)

18 (cancelled)

19 (cancelled)

20 (original) The bandage of claim 9, wherein said mesh material has a fineness of between 15 and 500 denier.

21 (new) The bandage of claim 7, wherein said air porosity is between 150 and 500 cubic ft./min./sq.ft.

22 (new) The bandage of claim 7, wherein said plurality of yarns are mono filament.

23 (new) The bandage of claim 7, further including release paper elements overlying adhered to said end portions of said strip along said facing surface thereof and selectively peelable therefrom.